

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DANAN DOU, ET AL.)
SERIAL NO.: 09/758,948) Group Art Unit:
FILED: JANUARY 11, 2001) 1754
FOR: METHODS TO REDUCE ALKALI)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §121

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 19, 2002. The Examiner contends that: Group I, Claims 1-16, drawn to a product, classified in Class 502, subclass 300+; and Group II, Claims 17-37, drawn to a process of making the product, classified in Class 423, subclass 239.1. Pursuant to MPEP §§806.04, 806.05(c), 806.05(d), 808.01, and 35 U.S.C. §121 the Examiner requires restriction between Groups I and II.

Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, with traverse. This election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to Claims 17-37, Group II, including the right to file divisional applications thereon.

If there are any charges with respect to this Restriction Requirement, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0831 maintained by Assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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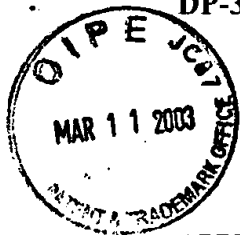
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified application, please preliminarily amend the application as follows: